



MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
1ST FLOOR CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AREA B
Thursday June 23, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Committee Members: Chair Mike Mower, Vice Mayor James Sanders
Planning Commissioner Warren Cox
Staff: Dennis Speer, Loren Culp
Recording Secretary: Karen Harker

Approved Minutes
Meeting – 5:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

ROLL CALL: Chair Mike Mower, Mayor Peggy Breeden, Planning Commissioner Warren Cox
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sanders
Staff: Dennis Speer, Public Works Director; Loren Culp, City Engineer
Recording Secretary: Karen Harker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA *Motion to Approve of the Agenda Was Made By Planning Commission Cox, Seconded by Mayor Breeden. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 3 Ayes (Mower, Breeden, Cox) 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Sanders), 0 Abstain*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *Motion To Approve the Minutes of **May 26, 2016** Motion was Made By Planning Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes, Seconded by Chair Mower. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 3 Ayes (Breeden, Mower, Cox) 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Sanders), 0 Abstain*

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Crossing over Bowman Channel

Discussion regarding the crossing of Bowman Channel into the area for development requires planning for access. The City Engineer informed the committee that at one point in time Caltrans had Bowman Road designated as the Bowman Expressway with a frontage road running parallel. There was a question about having a frontage road. It was explained that we should have a collector along the north side of the Bowman Channel and Bowman Road to help control the access into and out of the development area.

Bowman Road is not a truck route. There have been complaints about roads going east and west through town and how truck cannot pass through our community. It was discussed that a truck route should be looked at in the future and if Bowman Road was going to be used it would need to be reconstructed because it would not hold truck traffic.

Does the developer proposed channel crossing conflict with the Wal-Mart entrance. The problem is part of the development is residential and there is not easy access to get in and out of the development if the crossing is right at the old Walmart entrance.

Discussed what the Bowman Business District Committee and the City Engineer recommended to the developer with a mid-block crossing so it would not interfere with the new traffic signal and allow for vehicles access to Bowman Road. The cost of doing a crossing versus having traffic go onto S. China Lake Boulevard was discussed by the committee and the developer. It was recommended by both parties to the developer to develop a specific plan so all mitigations would be identified and have a solution to them.

The Chair felt that the Infrastructure Committee needed to support the Bowman Business District Committee and the recommendations they gave to the Developer: They must develop a specific plan; they must improve the Bowman Channel and be responsible for the cost of the crossing and any need for the Bowman Channel and off-site improvements.

Process of Change Order for Public Works Projects

Loren Culp explained the process of the change orders and how the department works with the Contractor for the adding and deleting of contract items.

➤ **COMMITTEE COMMENTS SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS**

Developer should come to the City with a specific plan.

➤ **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Update on SCE and Utility Companies Downs Street Project

NEXT MEETING:

- **July 28, 2016**

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM